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SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD - BIDDING ELIGIBILITY

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(B) LIBREVILLE 0787 (NOTAL)

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(D) USMISSION EC BRUSSELS 6540 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES PARAGRAPH 5, ITEM 1 OF JULY
OMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURE (REF A) LEAVES LOOPHOLE
ALLOWING LATE BIDDING BY THIRD COUNTRIES LARGE ENOUGH
TO RUN A LOCOMOTIVE THROUGH, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT
OF KNOWN JAPAN INTEREST IN RAILROAD PROJECT (REF D).

2. PARAGRAPH 5, ITEM 1 CONTAINS NO CUT-OFF DATE FOR
AID OFFERS (AS DISTINCT FROM OCTOBER 1 CUTOFF DATE
FOR SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR
LOT 3 ONLY). POINT OF OUR CONCERN IS THAT FACED WITH
ATTRACTIVE AID OFFER (TIED TO PURCHASE OF SPECIFIC ITEMS OR
SERVICES GOG WILL ACCEPT BOTH.

3. THUS BELIEVE BEST TECHNIQUE COMBAT THIS TENDENCY
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WOULD BE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS B USG, FAC, FED, AND

OTHERS ON POINTS MADE IN PARAGRAPH 2 REF A.

4. EMBASSY WELL AWARE OF INTEREST OF TAMS, NELLO TEER AND MORRISON-KNUDSEN IN RAILROAD PROJECT, AND HAVE MENTIONED ALL THREE IN CABLE TRAFFIC (REFS B AND C FOR EXAMPLE), BUT WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT TAMS IS ONLY INTERESTED IN FURNISHING ENGINEERING EXPERTISE AND HAS NOT APPLIED FOR PRESELECTION STATUS AND THAT NELLO TEER HAS NEVER VISITED LIBREVILLE.

5. WE AGREE IT IS ADVISABLE TO KEEP TAMS AND NELLO TEER IN GOG SPECTRUM AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE DONE THIS AND WE HAVE FURNISHED ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHEN THEY ARE IN LIBREVILLE.

6. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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